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- b) 0-10% of the diltiazem is released after 4 hours;
 - c) 0-15% of the diltiazem is released after 6 hours;
 - d) 0-15% of the diltiazem is released after 8 hours; and
 - e) more than 60% of the diltiazem is released after 18 hours.--
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REMARKS:

Because the pending claims are similar to those allowed in the grandparent application Serial No. 09/287,904, now U.S. Patent 6,033,687, and are distinguishable from the prior art for many of the reasons set forth in that application, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

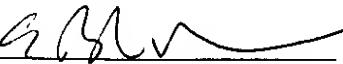
All pending claims have been canceled without prejudice and new claims 80-90 have been added to the application. Claims 80-90 are pending in this application. Claims 80, 84, 87, 89 and 90 are independent claims. Support for the subject matter of Claims 80-90 is in the present application and in the application as originally filed, U.S. application Serial No. 08/369,100. (See, e.g., pages 5-13, 18 and Example 1 of the present application, and pages 5-13, 15-17 and Example 1 of the original application Serial No. 08/367,100).

Specifically, support for the long lag pellet is found at page 9, lines 1-7 of both the present application and original application Serial No. 08/367,100. Support for the release rates recited in Claims 80-90 is found in the present application at pages 6 and 18 (Table 1) disclosing dissolution profiles for long lag pellets, and pages 6 and 17 (Table 1) of the original application Serial No. 08/367,100 disclosing dissolution profiles for long lag pellets. Support for the mixture of two pellet types recited in Claims 89-90 is found

on page 9 of the both the present application and the original application Serial No. 08/367,100. Support for the excipients listed in claims 85-88 is found in the present application at pages 9-12 and Example 1 on pages 15-17, and at pages 9-12 and Example 1 on pages 14-16 of the original application Serial No. 08/367,100.

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